

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)
TS/ZAT 1102 US-PAT

First named inventor: MICHAEL BAYER

Application No.: 10/565,037

Art Unit: 3726

Filed: MAY 31, 2006

Examiner: JERMIE E. COZART

Title: Press-Hardened Component and Method for the Production of a Press-Hardened Component

Attention: Office of Petitions

Mail Stop Petition

Commissioner for Patents

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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional

1. Petition Fee

Small entity-fee \$ 810.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Application claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Response to Office Action of 03/17/2010 (identify type of reply):

has been filed previously on _____
 is enclosed herewith.

- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____.

has been paid previously on _____
 is enclosed herewith.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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Enclosures:

- Fee Payment
- Reply
- Terminal Disclaimer Form
- Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay
- Other: _____

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

- Deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- Transmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at (571) 273-8300.

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8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.
9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.

Application No. 10/565,037
Statement dated September 19, 2011
Reply to Non-Final Office Action of March 17, 2010

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
MICHAEL BAYER et al.

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Art Unit: 3726

For: **PRESS-HARDENED COMPONENT AND
METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A
PRESS-HARDENED COMPONENT**

Examiner: Jermie E. Cozart

**STATEMENT ESTABLISHING UNINTENTIONAL DELAY IN SUPPORT OF A
PETITION OR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 19, 2011

Dear Sir:

Applicants have today filed a petition to revive United States Patent Application No. 10/565,037 (the "Present Application") pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). After due inquiry with the Applicants, the undersigned can provide the following information on the unintentional abandonment:

- The Present Application is assigned to Z.A.T. Zinc Anticorosion Technologies SA ("ZAT"). ZAT is responsible for the prosecution of the Present Application.
- ZAT first became aware of the abandonment of the Present Application on July 14, 2011.
- Although ZAT had and continues to have a system in place for tracking actions to be undertaken with respect to patent applications, the system did not contain

any information with regard to actions that needed to be taken for the Present Application.

- An investigation conducted by ZAT has determined that this failure was likely due to the fact that the individual holding responsibility for the Present Application left the employment of ZAT in May 2010 without transferring responsibility therefor.

A copy of correspondence provided to the undersigned is attached to this Statement as Attachment A.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-5256 for the petition fee of \$ 810.00 to revive an unintentionally abandoned application applicable pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.137(b) to a small entity. Should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that additional fees are owed or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 50-5256.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Dated: September 19, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

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For the attention of
Mr. Dr. Norman B. THOT
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Subject: Abandonment of US patent application 10/565,037

Dear Mr. Thot,

We make reference to the US patent application 10/565,037.

We had not received any information and/or invoices for this application for quite some time. An inquiry conducted in July 14th 2011 informed us that this application had gone abandoned.

We investigated how this could have happened. We think that an administrative failure occurred during a personnel change. The employee who was responsible for this application left our company in May 2010. This employee apparently forgot to inform anyone at our company of the application or that actions needed to be taken.

Although we have a system in place to take actions that need to be taken for applications, the employee had never input such information into that system. Nobody at the company was therefore given responsibility of that application and nobody knew that any action needed to be taken.

We kindly request that you take any action necessary to attempt reinstate this patent application.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Igor Jushko". It is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Igor JUSHKO
Director